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CONTROLLING DEVICE CONTROLLERS ON A NETWORK HAVING AN OPEN COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 Attention: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

This is a response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply having a mailing date of October 30, 2001, (the mailing date of the original Notice to File Missing Parts of Application) and for which a period for response of the latter of two (2) months after the mailing date or two (2) months from the filing date was set to expire December 30, 2001.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply. Please charge **Deposit Account No.** 19-2179 for the balance due of \$1178.00 in accordance with 37 CFR \S 1.16(e).

Respectfully submitted,

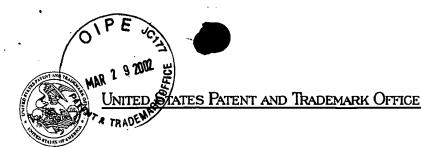
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Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 01/23/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 10/30/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$468.
 - \$468 for 26 total claims over 20.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1178.

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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